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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director**

**SUBJECT : System Four ELINT Mission in the Black Sea**

The Ad Hoc Requirements Committee has considered a proposal for and recommends a System Four ELINT mission in the Black Sea, whose object would be to provide electronic data bearing upon the KRASNOVODSK installation which, it is believed, bears significant relationship to the tracking and possible control of Sputnik, or, if not Sputnik, a successor more sophisticated, and to provide electronic information bearing upon missile installations in the Crimea. It is our understanding that since such a mission would not involve a penetration of the USSR no problem of securing political permission is presented and thus could be accomplished readily.

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